

**PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS  
FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES**

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES**

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) is proposing a change in the methods and standards for setting payment rates for school-based health services. The proposed change is effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2021 and is addressed below.

The Department is proposing to modify its reimbursement for school-based health services to a cost settlement reimbursement methodology pursuant to an Individualized Service Plan (IEP), a section 504 accommodation plan, an Individualized Health Care Plan, an Individualized Family Service Plan, or otherwise medically necessary service.

This proposed change will result in an estimated annual increase of \$12 - \$18 million in federal matching funds for local education agencies. There is no cost to the Department.

Any interested party may submit questions or comments concerning these proposed changes in reimbursement methods and standards. All questions or comments must be submitted in writing within thirty (30) days of the publication date of this notice and addressed to:

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This notice may be viewed at the DHS local offices (except Cook County). In Cook County, the notice and clarification may be reviewed at the Office of the Director, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, 401 South Clinton Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Chicago, Illinois. Comments received regarding this notice shall be published on the HFS web site at

<https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/info/legal/PublicNotices/Pages/default.aspx>

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